

IN THE CLAIMS:

For the convenience of the examiner, the complete listing of pending claims is provided below.

1. (Original) A method to produce visual effect on a display, the method comprising:
receiving a first time length; and
adjusting, according to an elapsed time, color correction parameters a plurality of times during a time period of the first length.
2. (Original) A method as in claim 1, wherein the color correction parameters comprise at least one look up table for gamma correction; and wherein said elapsed time is measured by a real time clock which measures time during production of the visual effect.
3. (Original) A method as in claim 2, wherein the at least one look up table is adjusted to blend input color signals with a color; and wherein the input color signals is blended with the color according to the elapsed time.
4. (Original) A method as in claim 3, wherein a weight on the color to blend the input color signals with the color changes faster near a middle of the time period than at one of:
 - a) a beginning of the time period; and
 - b) an end of the time period.

5. (Original) A method as in claim 4, wherein the weight is determined from a function of the elapsed time.
6. (Original) A method as in claim 1, further comprising:
performing color correction according to the color correction parameters.
7. (Original) A method as in claim 1, wherein said adjusting the color correction parameters comprises:
instructing a graphics processing unit (GPU) to adjust the color correction parameters according to the elapsed time.
8. (Original) A method as in claim 1, wherein a frequency for said adjusting the color correction parameters is determined according to a refreshing frequency for displaying, on the display, input color signals corrected by the color correction parameters.
9. (Original) A method as in claim 8, wherein the frequency for said adjusting the color correction parameters is substantially equal to the refreshing frequency.
10. (Original) A method as in claim 1, wherein said adjusting the color correction parameters comprises:
determining a first value of the elapsed time;
determining first values of the color correction parameters according to the first value of the elapsed time;
determining a second value of the elapsed time; and

determining second values of the color correction parameters according to the second value of the elapsed time.

11. (Original) A method as in claim 10, wherein said adjusting the color correction parameters is performed by an operating system of a data processing system according to a task scheduler in response to a request from an application program running on the data processing system.
12. (Original) A method as in claim 11, wherein the application program is allowed to execute operations during the time period.
13. (Original) A method as in claim 11, wherein the application program is not allowed to execute operations until the request is fulfilled.
14. (Original) A method as in claim 1, further comprising:
restoring, after the time period, the color correction parameters to values that the color correction parameters have before the time period.
15. (Original) A method as in claim 14, wherein said restoring is performed on expiration of a reservation time period, within which said adjusting the color correction parameters is performed.
16. (Original) A method as in claim 1, further comprising:
receiving a second time length from a second application program; and

adjusting, according to an elapsed time, the color correction parameters a plurality of times during a time period of the second length in response to a request from the second application program;
wherein the first time length is received from a first application program; and wherein said adjusting the color correction parameters during the time period of the first length is in response to a request from the first application program.

17. (Original) A method as in claim 1, further comprising:
receiving a request for a reservation from a first application program; and granting a first reservation to the first application program in response to a determination that there is no pending reservation;
wherein the first time length is received from the first application program; and wherein said adjusting the color correction parameters is in response to a request from the first application program that is in possess of the first reservation.
18. (Original) A method as in claim 17, wherein said adjusting the color correction parameters is performed after a determination that the request from the first application program is received within a reservation time period for the first reservation.
19. (Original) A method as in claim 18, further comprising:
restoring, upon expiration of the reservation, the color correction parameters to values that the color correction parameters have before the reservation.

20. (Original) A machine readable medium containing executable computer program instructions which when executed by a data processing system cause said system to perform a method to produce visual effect on a display of the data processing system, the method comprising:
 - receiving a first time length; and
 - adjusting, according to an elapsed time, color correction parameters a plurality of times during a time period of the first length.
21. (Original) A medium as in claim 20, wherein the color correction parameters comprise at least one look up table for gamma correction; and wherein said elapsed time is measured by a real time clock which measures time during production of the visual effect.
22. (Original) A medium as in claim 21, wherein the at least one look up table is adjusted to blend input color signals with a color; and wherein the input color signals is blended with the color according to the elapsed time.
23. (Original) A medium as in claim 22, wherein a weight on the color to blend the input color signals with the color changes faster near a middle of the time period than at one of:
 - a) a beginning of the time period; and
 - b) an end of the time period.
24. (Original) A medium as in claim 23, wherein the weight is determined from a function of the elapsed time.

25. (Original) A medium as in claim 20, wherein the method further comprises:
performing color correction according to the color correction parameters.
26. (Original) A medium as in claim 20, wherein said adjusting the color correction parameters comprises:
instructing a graphics processing unit (GPU) to adjust the color correction parameters according to the elapsed time.
27. (Original) A medium as in claim 20, wherein a frequency for said adjusting the color correction parameters is determined according to a refreshing frequency for displaying, on the display, input color signals corrected by the color correction parameters.
28. (Original) A medium as in claim 27, wherein the frequency for said adjusting the color correction parameters is substantially equal to the refreshing frequency.
29. (Original) A medium as in claim 20, wherein said adjusting the color correction parameters comprises:
determining a first value of the elapsed time;
determining first values of the color correction parameters according to the first value of the elapsed time;
determining a second value of the elapsed time; and
determining second values of the color correction parameters according to the second value of the elapsed time.

30. (Original) A medium as in claim 29, wherein said adjusting the color correction parameters is performed by an operating system of a data processing system according to a task scheduler in response to a request from an application program running on the data processing system.
31. (Original) A medium as in claim 30, wherein the application program is allowed to execute operations during the time period.
32. (Original) A medium as in claim 30, wherein the application program is not allowed to execute operations until the request is fulfilled.
33. (Original) A medium as in claim 20, wherein the method further comprises: restoring, after the time period, the color correction parameters to values that the color correction parameters have before the time period.
34. (Original) A medium as in claim 33, wherein said restoring is performed on expiration of a reservation time period, within which said adjusting the color correction parameters is performed.
35. (Original) A medium as in claim 20, wherein the method further comprises: receiving a second time length from a second application program; and adjusting, according to an elapsed time, the color correction parameters a plurality of times during a time period of the second length in response to a request from the second application program; wherein the first time length is received from a first application program; and

wherein said adjusting the color correction parameters during the time period of the first length is in response to a request from the first application program.

36. (Original) A medium as in claim 20, wherein the method further comprises:
receiving a request for a reservation from a first application program; and
granting a first reservation to the first application program in response to a determination that there is no pending reservation;
wherein the first time length is received from the first application program; and
wherein said adjusting the color correction parameters is in response to a request from the first application program that is in possess of the first reservation.
37. (Original) A medium as in claim 36, wherein said adjusting the color correction parameters is performed after a determination that the request from the first application program is received within a reservation time period for the first reservation.
38. (Original) A medium as in claim 37, wherein the method further comprises:
restoring, upon expiration of the reservation, the color correction parameters to values that the color correction parameters have before the reservation.
39. (Original) A data processing system to produce visual effect on a display device, the data processing system comprising:
means for receiving a first time length; and
means for adjusting, according to an elapsed time, color correction parameters a plurality of times during a time period of the first length.

40. (Original) A data processing system as in claim 39, wherein the color correction parameters comprise at least one look up table for gamma correction; and wherein said elapsed time is measured by a real time clock which measures time during production of the visual effect.
41. (Original) A data processing system as in claim 40, wherein the at least one look up table is adjusted to blend input color signals with a color; and wherein the input color signals is blended with the color according to the elapsed time.
42. (Original) A data processing system as in claim 41, wherein a weight on the color to blend the input color signals with the color changes faster near a middle of the time period than at one of:
 - a) a beginning of the time period; and
 - b) an end of the time period.
43. (Original) A data processing system as in claim 42, wherein the weight is determined from a function of the elapsed time.
44. (Original) A data processing system as in claim 39, further comprising:
means for performing color correction according to the color correction parameters.
45. (Original) A data processing system as in claim 39, wherein said means for adjusting the color correction parameters comprises:
means for instructing a graphics processing unit (GPU) to adjust the color correction parameters according to the elapsed time.

46. (Original) A data processing system as in claim 39, wherein a frequency for adjusting the color correction parameters is determined according to a refreshing frequency for displaying, on the display device, input color signals corrected by the color correction parameters.
47. (Original) A data processing system as in claim 46, wherein the frequency for adjusting the color correction parameters is substantially equal to the refreshing frequency.
48. (Original) A data processing system as in claim 39, wherein said means for adjusting the color correction parameters comprises:
means for determining a first value of the elapsed time;
means for determining first values of the color correction parameters according to the first value of the elapsed time;
means for determining a second value of the elapsed time; and
means for determining second values of the color correction parameters according to the second value of the elapsed time.
49. (Original) A data processing system as in claim 48, wherein the color correction parameters are adjusted by an operating system of a data processing system according to a task scheduler in response to a request from an application program running on the data processing system.
50. (Original) A data processing system as in claim 49, wherein the application program is allowed to execute operations during the time period.

51. (Original) A data processing system as in claim 49, wherein the application program is not allowed to execute operations until the request is fulfilled.
52. (Original) A data processing system as in claim 39, further comprising:
means for restoring, after the time period, the color correction parameters to values that the color correction parameters have before the time period.
53. (Original) A data processing system as in claim 52, wherein the color correction parameters are restored on expiration of a reservation time period, within which said adjusting the color correction parameters is performed.
54. (Original) A data processing system as in claim 39, further comprising:
means for receiving a second time length from a second application program; and
means for adjusting, according to an elapsed time, the color correction parameters a plurality of times during a time period of the second length in response to a request from the second application program;
wherein the first time length is received from a first application program; and
wherein the color correction parameters are adjusted during the time period of the first length in response to a request from the first application program.
55. (Original) A data processing system as in claim 39, further comprising:
means for receiving a request for a reservation from a first application program; and
means for granting a first reservation to the first application program in response to a determination that there is no pending reservation;
wherein the first time length is received from the first application program; and

wherein the color correction parameters are adjusted in response to a request from the first application program that is in possess of the first reservation.

56. (Original) A data processing system as in claim 55, wherein the color correction parameters are adjusted after a determination that the request from the first application program is received within a reservation time period for the first reservation.
57. (Original) A data processing system as in claim 56, further comprising:
means for restoring, upon expiration of the reservation, the color correction parameters to values that the color correction parameters have before the reservation.